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Staff meeting.

Harold Linder gave an interesting account of his dinner last night with Maki, the ^{Iranian} ~~XXXX~~ who was presumably sent over here to discuss the oil settlement.

Cavendish Cannon came to see me. He is here on an assignment to the Selection Board. He has many ideas about reforms in the Foreign Service and I enjoyed hearing his views.

Admiral Standley came in to see me. He is a wonderful old sea dog. He said ~~XXXX~~ Zaroubin, the present Soviet Ambassador here, had been ~~XXXX~~ useful and cooperative with him during the Admiral's service as our Ambassador in Moscow. The Admiral wanted help in connection with a visa case for a young Finn ~~XXXX~~ studying in California.

I talked to Carl Humelsine ^{about} ~~XXXX~~ Jack Cabot. We decided ~~XXXX~~ I would send for Cabot, and ascertain from him directly whether he thought it was impossible for him to go to Pakistan.

John Hightower came to see me this afternoon, and we discussed a variety of matters, including the possible shape ~~XXXX~~ foreign aid legislation might take in the next Congress.

He was followed by Walter Rostow, with whom I spent an illuminating hour. He is a brilliant fellow.

Dean called me late this afternoon about the forthcoming visit to Manila of Messrs. Foster, Nash, Admiral Radford, and so forth. It seems ~~XXXX~~ Romulo is upset because we have instructed our Embassy to play down the occasion, while the Philippine Government has heralded it

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as a meeting which may well settle the fate of the Far Eastern nations.

Alexis Johnson is to telephone the Secretary about this.

Tonight, we went to dinner with the Lippmanns. The guests were the Lovetts, the Bonnets, Ned Russell of the Herald-Tribune, his attractive Russian wife, and John and Jane Gunther. Walter was disappointed at the type of campaign ~~which~~ Eisenhower has carried on.

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